



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

State Advisory Group on Juvenile Justice

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Business Meeting
March 1, 2021

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Present: Susan Kelly, Dave Ball, Carlos Camacho, Joseph Diamant, Hank Simpson, Cody Belanger, Ron Adams, Peter Whelley, Charlene Lavoie, Rachel Kohn, Germano Martins, Nicole Rodler, Caitlyn Bickford, Alissa Cannon, Amy McCormack, Martha Kane, Allister Sebastian, Abby St. Pierre, **Regrets:** Glenn Quinney, Jeff Martel

1. We have a quorum
2. January 2021 minutes were accepted via email.
3. Introductions were made
4. ICJ updated Caitlyn Bickford:
 - a. Each state operates their ICJ system differently
 - b. NH supervises youth from other states the same way NH supervises NH youth.
5. Diversion Network presentation: Nicole Rodler, Alissa Cannon, Rachel Kohn
 - a. In 2011 state incentive funds were no longer available to local diversion programs or other initiatives.
 - b. 169B:10 states there is a pre-court options for youth.
 - c. Diversion Network (DN) identified the needs of local programs
 - d. Programs were accredited under Judge Kelly (Administrative Office of the Court justice.
 - i. To be accredited programs need to have the seven key buckets: training, partner with community stakeholders, financial structure, records, data collection, diversion components – Restorative Justice, screening tool, case process including paperwork and contracts.
 - e. 18 programs offer wrap around services.
 - f. Handouts on the program, along with the budget were emailed to the members.
 - g. 2013 SAG grant for 3 years
 - i. To expand services in other areas
 - ii. Since the 2013 funding the network, they have expanded statewide to include Coos County, 18 programs are

accredited, and 2 more are in the process of getting accredited.

h. Data:

- i. SBIRT – screens for public health, mental health and drug/alcohol.
- ii. It is a universal screening tool.
- iii. 2020 – 17 programs
- iv. Total number of cases: 393
- v. 300 cases closed by June
- vi. 28% were successful
- vii. 10% were returned to court
- viii. Mental Health question #2 – 49.9% entered the system with no identified symptoms, 50.1% entered with some symptoms and were getting services or were referred for services.
- ix. Drug/alcohol question: includes tobacco. 64% used at least one substance in the past year. 1/3 did not use
- x. Recidivism – Across all programs. One year after completing the program 20% of the youth recidivated, while system involved youth recidivated at 40%. While the recidivism rate 3 years later rose to 46.3% for diversion network youth.

i. Funding:

- i. Year 1 – 2021 \$132,300
- ii. Year 2: \$225,309
- iii. In 2019/20 the network became a promising practice, which will support front-end services for the Family First initiative.
- j. The network receives funds from BDA – Bureau of alcohol and drug services for alcohol, SBIRT tool and programs who utilize the tool.

6. Susan announced that Eddie Edwards as appointed as the Deputy Director of the Dept. of Safety.

7. CJJ conferences:

- a. Virtual conference in June
- b. RED conference is in November in Louisville, KY

8. The SAg went into executive session at 3:15 PM